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December 2, 2007

The Honorable Susan Collins
One City Center, Stop 23
Portland, ME 04101

Dear Senator Collins:

I urge you to support S 2332, the Media Ownership Act of 2007: A bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership.

This legislation promotes ethnic and female ownership of media. Minorities comprise 1/3 of the US population, but they own only 8% of radio and 3% of TV stations. S 2332 would also require a 90-day comment period on proposed changes in media ownership rules. And it would require conducting separate hearings on localism and diversity rules, also with a requirement for a separate 90-day comment period.

To make our democracy strong, We, the People, need access to as wide a diversity of news and opinion as possible. S 2332 would help to achieve this very much needed diversity.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Martin,

I am writing to you because of something I read in the New York Times. According to an October 17 article by Stephen Labaton, you have "circulated an ambitious plan to relax the decades-old media ownership rules, including repealing a rule that forbids a company to own both a newspaper and a television or radio station in the same city." I urge you not to proceed with such deregulatory measures for the preservation of the free press, the most important factor of a true democracy.

I read your statement for October 31's public hearing on localism, during which you said that, "In order to ensure that the American people have the benefit of a competitive and diverse media marketplace that serves their local communities, we need to create more opportunities for different, new and independent voices to be heard." I cannot understand how you reconcile this assertion with your deregulatory agenda. If the plan mentioned in the New York Times follows through, the opportunities for the "new and independent voices" of which you speak will never be realized as the media market becomes further controlled by the media oligopoly. One can hardly argue that local stations owned by national corporations are independent.

My worry is that the market consolidation proposed by this measure threatens the diversity of thought as more and more of the media will come under the ownership of the few like-minded companies that already dominate the industry. While the business entities supporting this plan claim that declining profits threaten their viability, the deeper implications of the motion remain the effect an altered media industry would have on American media consumers. Moreover, while I can understand why you would want to help businesses whenever possible, I sincerely doubt the severity of these businesses' financial situations. While media conglomerates may support deregulation because of supposed dangerously low profits, I would like to remind

you that these profits, averaging \$2 billion for each of the "big four" networks, refer to profits *after* economic costs, *not including* accounting profits. Accounting profits, including the executive boards' liberal paychecks, indicate that the large media companies are facing dire financial situations.

I urge you to oppose any deregulatory propositions you may encounter in the future, including the one about which I read in the New York Times. The FCC website claims that its objective in media regulation is to "Enforce compliance with rules that foster competition and diversity. Enforce compliance with rules that foster competition and diversity." If the FCC's mission is to ensure competition and diversity in the media, then I strongly suggest that you oppose deregulation if you wish to honor this dogma.

Above all, the implications of a media industry controlled by a few large businesses -- a structure allowed by policies of deregulation -- threatens the public's ability to obtain information from sources with different biases -- a key factor in maintaining a democracy of well-informed citizens who participate in government affairs, as our American belief dictates is necessary. Surpassing any financial implications, the issue of a free press (free from the influence of the leviathan entities like News Corporation which, suspiciously, would benefit from your impending proposal) is more important than anything else, and it the duty of an American to defend free thought and democracy. I therefore urge you to re-think your position on deregulation.

Sincerely,

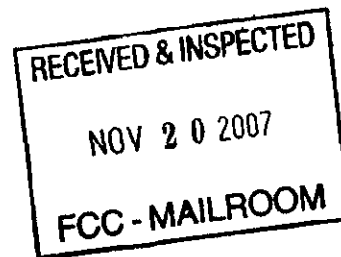
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Takeshi Kaji
Registered Voter
San Francisco, CA

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November 13, 2007

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Re: Media Ownership

Dear Sir,

The disastrous consolidation of power and influence by large media corporations that was ushered in with the 1996 Telecommunications Act has stifled media diversity and thwarted the desire of communities across our country to have their fair share of input on local news programming. Without ownership limits, giant national corporations buy up local stations and eliminate diverse, local and independent programming. Corporate media conglomerates are more concerned with profit than with responsible programming. The needs of people of color, the working class, and rural citizens are squelched or ignored because these people aren't advertisers' target audiences.

If the FCC is serious about promoting localism and diversity on the airwaves, it must enact protections against consolidated corporate ownership. As Chair of the FCC, it is incumbent upon you to represent all Americans, not just the corporate media elites and their lobbyists. We expect you to honor the overwhelming public opinion that has been expressed to the FCC in 2007 calling for strict limits on media ownership.

Sincerely,

Hugh Kiger
B.J. Novitski

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Eugene, Oregon

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Media Localism and Ownership Proceedings

Me: A Community Media Advocate for Colchester, Vermont.

You have a historic opportunity to choose...

TRICK:

Sell out our democracy to BIG MEDIA.

-OR-

TREAT:

**Protect diverse, locally controlled
media which serves our communities!**

***PLEASE* make a wise decision!**

Sincerely,

- Kevin Christopher, Executive Director
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You have a historic opportunity to choose...

TRICK:

**The residents of USA Sell out our
democracy to BIG MEDIA.**

-OR-

TREAT:

**Keep the First Amendment & Protect
diverse, locally controlled media which
serves our communities!**

KEEP LOCAL ACCESS TELEVISION IN USA !!!!!

PLEASE make a wise decision!

Sincerely,

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FROM: A Community Media Advocate for Foxboro Cable Access

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PLEASE make a wise decision!

Sincerely,

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- Foxboro, MA 02035
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US: A Community Media Advocate for cities to operate local television stations to maintain strong and educated communities. Also to offer communities their high school concerts and sports, senior citizen programming, local nonprofit programming such as a "save the local lake" campaign and other relevant programming. This programming counters all the nationally produced violent programming that we are subjected to. We are seventeen cities and produce city festivals, city council meetings, chamber of commerce, historical society and many other community building programs. Please save our local channels which are our children's window of education to all the efforts and opportunities that reside in their own communities. We don't need more violence!

You have a historic opportunity to choose...

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Sell out our democracy to BIG MEDIA.

-OR-

TREAT:

Protect diverse, locally controlled media which serves our communities!

PLEASE make a wise decision!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

James Kenny
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The Center for a Sustainable Today

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Me: A Community Media Advocate for Portland Community Media and Willamette Falls Television.

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TREAT:

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PLEASE make a wise decision!

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Dear members of the FCC,

I realize that this is a kind of gimmick but the issue is real and it is important to many, many people who rely on public access outlets for information, public affairs and government meetings which provide clarity and transparency to government activities and local community issues and events.

Commercial broadcasters have all but abandoned their obligations to serve their audience: the public interest and share the airwaves with the community they serve. In so many cases what used to be public affairs programming 25 years ago has been replaced by infomercials. Which better serves the needs of the public?

Cable access outlets are the only means by which viewers can connect to their communities by television. The fact that access is limited to cable subscribers places further limits on the public's ability to view these important programs. Cable access should be expanded not limited by the FCC. Please act in the public interest and not in the interest of corporate media. Big media does not care about public service.

I wish the FCC would re-instate the rules that once kept the public's airwaves public, namely the fairness doctrine and limits on multiple ownership by a single company.

Sincerely,

- Tom Hopkins, Chairman of the board
- The Center for a Sustainable Today.  
Non-profit organization dedicated to the production of programming aimed at education and awareness of sustainability issues.
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**Media Localism and Ownership Proceedings**

**You have an historic opportunity to choose...**

**Sell out our democracy to BIG MEDIA.**

**-OR-**

**Protect diverse, locally controlled  
media which serves our communities!**

**PLEASE make the decision that will keep our many viewers tuning in!**

Sincerely,

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**Media Localism and Ownership Proceedings**

**Me: A Community Media Advocate for Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**You have a historic opportunity to choose...**

**TRICK:**

**Sell out our democracy to BIG MEDIA.**

**-OR-**

**TREAT:**

**Protect diverse, locally controlled  
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**PLEASE** make a wise decision!

Sincerely,

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Office of the Secretary**Via Facsimile: (866) 418-0232****Media Localism and Ownership Proceedings****Re: A Community Media Advocate for CABLE ACCESS****You have a historic opportunity to choose...****TRICK:****Sell out our democracy to BIG MEDIA.****-OR-****TREAT:****Protect diverse, locally controlled  
media which serves our communities!*****PLEASE* make a wise decision!**

Sincerely,

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**PORTLAND, OR 97206-503-232-4142**

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**RE: Media Localism and Ownership Proceedings and Local Video Franchising.**

Dear FCC,

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, you have a historic opportunity to choose...

**Please don't sell out our democracy to BIG MEDIA.**

**Please protect diverse, locally controlled media which serves our communities!**

**The decision you make today will impact seriously on local media, especially local cable channels that carry independent and local shows and content. They are crucial to our First Amendment rights**

**Please make a wise decision!**

Sincerely,

- Martha H. Bergner
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**Regarding:** Media Localism and Ownership Proceedings

Dear Honorable Representatives;

Again the decision that will affect local community cable television is before you. Our local cable franchises are part of a community that reflects the diversity and character of our society. It is imperative that our local communities continue to be represented by their local cable franchise, not by a callous bureaucracy insulated from communities it is supposed to serve. Please protect our diverse, locally controlled media that does serve our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul A. Bassett

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